

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Pre-term Birth

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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the pre-term deliveries of babies in the country during the last three years, State-wise and district wise including Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the fact that India accounts for one fifth of the pre-term births in the world; and

(c) the details of the amount allocated under the National Health Mission towards solving this problem during the said period and the details of district-wise allocation and utilization of funds in the State of Bengal under the National Health Mission?

Answer

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE

(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a) & (b): As per WHO Publication in the year 2012, titled, "Born too Soon: The Global Action Report on Preterm Birth" 13 % of all the births in India are estimated to be pre-term. As per the available estimates 33.4 lakh pre-term babies were born in India in 2015 and this contributes to 22% of the world's preterm births.

The state-wise estimates for the same are not available.

(c): Various interventions are being implemented under the Reproductive and Child Health (RCH) programme of the National Health Mission of the Government of India to tackle among other things, preterm births.

The state wise allocation and expenditure of funds under the RCH programme, including the State of West Bengal for the period 2015-16 are placed at Annexure.

District wise details are not maintained at the National level.